

Timeline for Supreme Court Confirmations

Nominee	Days from Resignation to Nomination	Days from Nomination to Hearing	Number of Hearing Days	Days from Hearing to Mark-up	Days from Mark-up to Floor Vote	Days from Nomination to Confirmation
William J. Rehnquist (for Chief Justice)	2	39	4	14	33	89
John Paul Stevens ¹	19	7	3	1	6	16
Sandra Day O'Connor	61	21	3	4	6	76
Antonin Scalia	6	42	2	8	33	85
Robert Bork	11	70	11	6	17	108 (Rejected)
Anthony M. Kennedy	157	14	3	42	6	65
David H. Souter	5	50	6	0	5	69
Clarence Thomas	10	64	11	10	14	99
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	95	28	4	6	4	42
Stephen G. Breyer	41	56	4	4	10	73
<i>Average</i>	41	39	5	10	13	72
Average Excluding Bork, Kennedy & Thomas	32	34	4	5	13	64
Average for Clinton Nominees	68	42	4	5	7	58

¹ Shading denotes WH, Senate held by opposite parties.

Key Dates for Supreme Court Nominations

Nominee	Vice, Date Announced Retirement	Date Nomination Announced	Date Nomination Received in Senate	Date(s) of Hearing	Committee Recommendations	Date Placed on Senate Calendar	Final Disposition
William Rehnquist (Chief Justice)	Burger, June 17, 1986	June 17, 1986	June 20, 1986	July 29, 30, 31, 1986 August 1, 1986	August 14, 1986 Ordered to be reported favorably.	Aug. 14 1986 Sept. 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 1986 Considered by Senate	Sept. 17, 1986 Confirm: 65-33
John Paul Stevens ¹	Douglas, November 12, 1975	November 29, 1975	December 1, 1975	December 8, 9, 10, 1975	December 11, 1975		Dec. 17, 1975 Confirm: 98-0
Sandra Day O'Connor	Stewart, June 19, 1981	July 8, 1981	August 19, 1981	September 9, 10, 11, 1981	September 15, 1981 Ordered to be reported favorably	Sept. 15, 1981	Sept. 21, 1981 Confirm: 99-0
Antonin Scalia	Rehnquist, June 17, 1986	June 17, 1986	June 24, 1986	August 5, 6, 1986	August 14, 1986 Ordered to be reported favorably.	Aug. 14, 1986	Sept. 17, 1986 Confirm: 98-0
Robert Bork	Powell, June 26, 1987	July 1, 1987	July 7, 1987	September 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 1987	October 06, 1987 Ordered to be reported unfavorably	Oct. 13, 1987	Oct. 23, 1987 Reject: 42-58
Douglas Ginsburg	Powell, June 26, 1987	October 29, 1987					Withdrawn Nov. 7, 1987
Anthony M. Kennedy	Powell, June 26, 1987	November 12, 1987	November 30, 1987	December 14, 15, 16, 1987	January 27, 1988 Ordered to be reported favorably.	Feb. 1, 1988	Feb. 3, 1988 Confirm: 97-0

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David H. Souter	Brennan, July 20, 1990	July 23, 1990	July 25, 1990	September 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 1990	September 27, 1990 Ordered to be reported favorably.	Oct. 1, 1990 Placed on Senate Calendar	Oct. 2, 1990 Confirm: 90-9
Clarence Thomas	Marshall, June 28, 1991	July 1, 1991	July 8, 1991	September 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 1991 October 11, 12, 13, 1991	September 27, 1991 Ordered to be reported without recommendation.	Oct. 1, 1991 Oct. 3, 4, 7, 8, 15, 1991 Senate Debate on nomination	Oct. 15, 1991 Confirm: 52-48
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	White, March 19, 1993	June 14, 1993	June 22, 1993	July 20, 21, 22, 23, 1993	July 29, 1993 Ordered to be reported favorably	July 29, 1993 Placed on Senate Calendar. Aug. 02, 1993 Considered by Senate.	Aug. 03, 1993 Confirm: 96-3
Stephen G. Breyer	Blackmun, April 6, 1994	May 13, 1994	May 17, 1994	July 12, 13, 14, 15, 1994	July 19, 1994 Ordered to be reported favorably	July 25, 1994 Placed on Senate Calendar. July 29, 1994 Considered by Senate.	July 29, 1994 Confirm: 87-9